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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE
PILLAR

THE
TRUTH



Monument of Christ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
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THE GROUND OF



EPH. 2:20

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AUG. 3, 1940

"BE YE ALSO READY: FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK
NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH." Matt. 24:44.

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NOTICES

From the Field

THE IOWA AND NEBRASKA CAMP MEETING

The Iowa and Nebraska camp meeting will convene at the Old Settlers Park in Lynnville, Iowa, beginning Saturday, Aug. 24, and continuing until Sept. 1. We are expecting this to be the greatest feast that has ever been in Iowa. Make your arrangements now to be there. This park is an ideal place for a camp meeting. There is plenty of shade and camping room. Bring your tent and house trailer. If you do not have a tent you can secure one for the ten days for the small sum of \$3.50, and nice cots for 50c for the ten days. There will be a nice restaurant on the ground and all ministers will be fed free. You cannot afford to miss being here and enjoy hearing such dynamic speakers as Joseph Terlizzi of Hamilton, Ohio, who will be the evening speaker. Day speakers: F. W. Lemons, R. E. Davis, and many other good preachers. There will be a hearty welcome awaiting you. We will be looking for you. For further information write Rev. F. W. Lemons, Lynnville, Iowa.—Yours for greater camp meetings, J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa and Nebraska.

Thank God for Revival Here

LIVE OAK, Fla. — I praise the Lord for the Evangel which I enjoy reading so much. I thank Him for the revival just closed here. It meant so much to me. Brother Roy Lee, his wife and baby came over and helped us a couple of weeks. He did some fine preaching which we enjoyed. I am sure there was much good accomplished although there was not so much outward results. We still feel that there was good accomplished that we haven't yet seen. My sister and I were greatly blessed; she was sanctified and I was reclaimed. I thank each one who prayed for me. Pray that I may be always strong and humble.

We have a fine pastor, a dear humble man of God. We appreciate him and his good wife; they have surely been faithful.

We thank and praise the Lord, too, for His wonderful healing power which has been so real to me. He has healed me so many times and my little children too. Praise His wonderful name. He is so real, so merciful, so good. If only sinners could see I know they would come to a Savior like this.

Please pray that my precious children and my companion will be saved and that the Lord will give us another revival that will be the means of many sinners finding Jesus. May God bless every one.—Mrs. Lula Hurst, Rt. 4, Box 168.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are announcing an old-fashioned, God-approved camp meeting in Erwin, North Carolina, August 8-18, inclusive. We are expecting Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and YOU, to be there. HALLELUJAH!

MUSIC

Ralph E. Williams will have charge of the music. We are expecting outstanding quartets, trios, and duets. Everyone bring your music to the camp meeting.



Rev. J. T. Roberts

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

We are informed by our state overseer, Rev. E. W. Williams, that the Rev. J. T. (Jake) Roberts of Jacksonville, Florida, will speak in the evening services. The ministers of North Carolina will do the morning and afternoon preaching. We will also have Lawyer Godwin of Dunn, North Carolina, who is an outstanding citizen and Christian, to speak for us during the camp meeting. We will be privileged to have our esteemed state overseer with us for the entire camp meeting. The camp meeting will be under his leadership. Also, we expect to have Brother R. P. Johnson with us during the meeting.

ROOMS

The good people of Erwin will soon open their doors for you as this is a friendly little town. It is located on highway 421. We plan to furnish free beds to all delegates as far as possible.

PRICES

Free parking and free camping. Lunch stand will be open for entire meeting. You will be able to get meals at reasonable rates. A great time is expected in the Lord. Come! Come!—Rev. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Thank God for that Deep Settled Peace

JENNINGS, Fla.—I praise my Redeemer for that deep settled peace that

He placed within my heart. I praise Him for healing me of the flu, after just a few days' suffering, through my husband's holding on in prayer for me, and I regained my strength rapidly for which I thank the great Physician who can heal all infirmities. I have not been able to trust the Lord completely in the past but my whole desire this morning is to be able to have all the faith that it is possible for me to have, for truly if I know my own heart this morning, I really love my Savior with all my heart and I want to be more like Him and attain a greater perfection.

While speaking of divine healing and having faith to trust the Lord, I wish to mention my husband's father who passed away last February 14. He was devoted to the cause of Christ, not giving his heart to God until six years before his death and he died at the age of seventy-one. He really served God those six years. He went down to death's door several times, once with heart trouble, once with appendicitis, and once with pneumonia, but he trusted God through it all. He had dipped snuff for fifty years when God redeemed his soul but he forsook that when he said yes to the Lord. Finally when death did take him he was taken suddenly while visiting one afternoon in one of his daughter's homes and never knew a moment's suffering.

Oh that more of us could just step out for Christ and trust Him completely for everything, let come what may. My prayer is that I may become stronger in the Lord as the days go by and if I should be fortunate enough to be living when He makes His appearing for the rapture I will be among the number, for it wouldn't surprise me in the least if the rapture isn't right around the corner for the Scriptures are fulfilling so rapidly. The world is in such a turmoil and the times are beginning to be times of real distress. God, keep us ready for that great and notable day of the Lord for we want to hear you coming after us to take us home to be with you to ever be with the Lord.

I desire prayer of all God's children that I may be a real soul winner for my Lord.

May God's richest blessings be with everyone who should happen to read this and may it lead you to send up a prayer for my spiritual strength to be increased.—Sister Mary Lee (Sowell) Deas.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Florida Bible School will hold its closing exercises August 9. There will be a special music program consisting of quartets, duets, trios and choir singing. This has been Florida's most successful term of Bible School, twelve having received the Holy Ghost and the Lord blessed wonderfully.—R. R. Walker.

The Patient Waiting for Christ

BY H. D. WILLIAMS



O YOU, dear reader, the exhortation is, "*The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ,*" 2 Thess. 3:5.

And again, "In your patience possess ye your souls," Luke 21:19.

The Lord's return is near at hand. Be patient, be sober, alert, watching unto prayer, having your loins girt about with truth and your light burning, even like a man who waits and watches for his lord. The time is short. Delay thou no longer. Prepare for His return. Press into His kingdom, and, while it is permitted, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee," Job 22:21.

Oh blessed day, oh matchless Christ! What happiness of heart to be near Him, what fulness of rapture to be with Jesus! Oh soul-stirring thought to be near His person and enjoy His society! The glorious Christ, the Holy One of Israel, the eternal Son of God! What completion of happiness in His presence! It will be fullness of joy, and at His right hand pleasures forevermore! While we patiently wait for His return, He smiles upon us, He showers His favors upon us.

A PURIFYING HOPE

"Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3.

The effect of this hope on the one who believes it is a good effect. It has a tendency to cause people to become pure in heart and holy in conduct.

Paul wrote to Titus regarding the effect of this "blessed hope" in believers, transforming them from sin to a life of holiness. Thus, by believing the great truth of the second coming of Christ, the Christian obtains high and exalted views of his absent Lord, and the effect upon his mind is cheering and joyful. He rejoices in the hope of the glory of God and patiently waits for the time when his eyes shall see his King in His beauty.

A GREAT PRACTICAL TRUTH

It is plain that the second coming of Christ instead of being merely a speculative doctrine is a great practical truth and is deeply influential on the heart and life of the people of God. This is so because that day brings most vividly to the mind a solemn sense of profound responsibility. The more constantly that day is kept before us the more deeply we feel this sense of responsibility, and the more careful we are in the regulation of our conduct. Who will be self-indulgent when he expects the soon coming of his Lord? Who will continue to seek after the world's sil-



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ver and gold and neglect the mission cause, the Church program, and yet say they look for Jesus to soon come? Who will be dazed by the world's low ambition and fading splendor when he is seeking the speedy conferment of the crown of glory? There is that in the patient waiting for the Savior's return that dries up

the springs of worldliness, mortifies the schemes of earthly ambition, makes the joys of the world pass away, and leaves no glory here compared to the glory that awaits the true child of God.

A STRONG CONSOLATION

Oh blessed thought, His coming is near, then shall we be restored to the society of those we love. Soon we shall see and recognize the saints of earth arising from their graves, then with unutterable and great joy we shall be caught up in their company amid clouds to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thess. 4:15-18. Do floods of trials overwhelm you? Does the fear of death lay hold of you? Do the sorrows of this vale of tears encompass you? Does the working of the tempter make you afraid? Behold your salvation cometh, lift up your head, your redemption draweth near.

Far out over the new earth will flash wave after wave of the glory of God. Fulfilled will be the oath of God. Num. 14:21. No freezing cold, no burning heat, no gloomy clouds, no darkness of night, no wasting sickness, no cruel pain, no tears, no death, no graveyards, no temptation, no sin, no partings! Only waving of palms, only victory, only praise, rest, and peace forevermore, worlds without end. Surely the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. Rom. 8:18. O morning of splendor, awake and bring the promised deliverance!

Quality in Christ

BY J. MASON TURNER

LUKE 18:23, "*And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.*"

We remember this scripture in connection with the rich young ruler and then we notice the approach that was made to Christ, "Good Master." It seems that the man had a tendency to put just a little flattery in his speech. But then again we hear the Master say with a little rebuke, "Why callest thou me good?" or rather, "Why are you trying to puff me up? there's nothing good in the man, but everything that I am is through my Father and my God that liveth within."

Oh, the wonderful quality of the man who was being used for the temple of God. What would we have done, pastors? evangelists? Would you have said, "Come on and join the church?" for we can look back to the 20th verse of the same chapter and find that he did not commit adultery, did not steal, and did not kill any one. All these commandments he had kept. He must have been a pretty nice

fellow, but he asked Christ, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

The young man would have been an asset to most churches for his social standing; perhaps he was a moral man, didn't even smoke, but in the third chapter of St. John Jesus told another man, of high standing, one little simple truth, one of the most outstanding truths of the whole Bible, "Ye must be born again."

In both instances Jesus looked deep into the precious hearts of the two men in question to find out if they were sincere in their efforts to obtain eternal life. In both instances He firmly, but gently, touched the things which were nearest their hearts and He always pointed out the weakness of the flesh and the folly of carnal things.

How many of us would have turned these men down for membership in the Church? What influence this learned man could give the Church of God among the scholastic professors of this day. For

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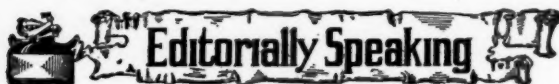
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Hull and Ingram

ONE of the greatest American statesmen of all time, the Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, is again on the job. He is interested in the great political treatise, the Monroe Doctrine, and is using all the skill and diplomacy at his command to bring about the assurance that it will be a working reality if and when the western hemisphere becomes the target of totalitarian aggression from abroad. Great is the need for such a political union and assurance as the Monroe Doctrine, and yet the task of such a coordination is of great magnitude. But movements, orders, or nations with great objectives and men of vision and courage of conviction, are not balked by the magnitude of a task lying before them.

It has been said that the Latin Americas are hard to do anything with because of so much civil strife and a lack of unified civil government and order, but Cordell Hull is willing to face the music and to do his part to bring about a working agreement for the civil and political salvation of the new world.

The Church of God has a task greater in its scope than that of any nation, the commission of "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," etc. It is not a spirit of political aggression but a crusade against the devil and sin and to lead believers out of spiritual chaos and disunion into Bible union and order.

Almost simultaneous with the Pan-American Conference, J. H. Ingram, the No. 1 missionary and contact man of the Church of God, is in South America carrying to a consummation his great missionary vision. Twice around the world with the gospel light and with the government and order which the

Church of God has to offer, Brother Ingram has been responsible for our work in India under Robert Cook, the growing work in China under Paul C. Pitt, the work in Barbados under Marshall, and the works in Mexico, Central America, and Panama. Will he fail in South America? No, for God is with him.

You have noticed in the last issue of the Evangel the union of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church, under the leadership of Brother Mazzucco, and the Church of God. In this issue of the Evangel, Brother Ingram tells of his visit to Brazil. The famous statue of Christ (see front cover), 160 feet tall, standing on the summit of Mt. Corcovado, at an elevation of 2,300 feet, looks out over the great Amazon harbor and seems to say, "Welcome, Church of God." Note that he says Brazil has an open door of religious tolerance and that one may preach his convictions on the streets or elsewhere in public places, unmolested. This reminds us of the declaration to the Philadelphian church, "Behold I have set before thee an open door."

Let us not forget that while Secretary Hull and the diplomats of our greater American countries are gathered together in discussion of the Monroe Doctrine (America for Americans), striving to bring about plans for the political salvation of our countries, that Brother Ingram is meeting with representative groups of Western Hemisphere people who see the need of organization and good government. May we suggest as a slogan for this campaign "AMERICA FOR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE." These missionary campaigns should be backed by the prayers of the entire Church of God.



Famines In Matthew we read how in the last days there shall be famines and pestilences in divers places. Many times we hear of famines in a certain country, such as

China or some other thickly settled country, but never before has there been such a famine as there is likely to be this winter in the war-torn countries of Europe. With these countries only producing about twenty per cent of the food consumed, England realizing this is making a desperate effort to blockade her enemies and finally starve them into submission. In so doing it is also necessary to keep food products from going to neutral countries as much of it eventually finds its way to Germany and Italy as they are under their domination. So it seems that the European nations are facing the most severe famine in their history this winter, and Jesus says this is the beginning of sorrows.



Assembly It is now time to begin making your plans to attend the 35th Annual Assembly of the Church of God which will be held in the Memorial Auditorium at Chattanooga, Tenn. Everybody pray that God will bless in this coming event. The way things are shaping up from a prophetic standpoint this could well be the last Assembly we will have an opportunity to attend.

"Red Tape"

F. J. LEE

Some people seem to be so very much afraid of "red tape." All my life I have thought that tape was pretty, especially red tape. In my childhood days I was glad to get a piece to play with.

The expression "red tape" has come into use from public officials tying up their documents with a piece of red tape. The thought is, their documents were kept in perfect order by the use of red tape.

I want to make this statement, The Church of God has never in all her history manifested such rapid strides to victory and success on every line as is manifested at the present time. Just think for a moment, 645 received the Holy Ghost in February. This should be enough to raise a shout from nearly twenty thousand voices who represent the Church of God. Brother Overseer, how did you get the information that over six hundred received the Holy Ghost in February?—I got it by means of the "red tape" plan. Brethren, does this inspire you? It does me. I feel like rejoicing and weeping for joy to see how the dear Lord is honoring the efforts of the Church of God for the salvation of the lost. Brethren, can you conceive of how we could have obtained this inspiring news, had it not been for the system and order?—bound together; red tape. The churches make their reports, ministers make their reports, then the financial and working reports go back to the state overseers and a general report goes out through the paper. So you see it takes a long piece of tape to reach that far. But I am glad there is plenty to wrap and tie us together and I am glad it is "red tape," dyed in the blood of Jesus.—From a tract.

The Value of One Soul With Determination

BY H. C. STUART

WE WANT to consider the value of one soul with determination when dedicated to GOD. In days of combined forces, great organizations, corporations, and mergers; at a time when men's hearts are failing them with fear, let us not therefore underestimate the importance of one dedicated to CHRIST. Oh, the value of being lined up on the right side, serving the one true God who is stronger than all the strength of man, wiser than all the wisdom of the world, and richer than all the riches of ages.

God, being all powerful and all wise, is not in need of wisdom or strength. He is looking for willing instruments that He can use to display His wisdom and power. Hallelujah! We find in 1 Corinthians 1: 27-29, "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

Oftentimes one word or one act has changed the destiny of some individual. It was by one vote that Aaron Burr missed being President of the United States. By one vote President Johnson missed impeachment. One vote gave Texas to the United States, and caused the war with Mexico. One vote made California a part of the Union, and turned the tide of emigration westward. One vote elected Oliver Cromwell to the famous "Long Parliament" and sent Charles I to the scaffold and revolutionized England, and made Great Britain free. One man, Co-

lumbus, discovered America. One man, John Knox, rescued Scotland from her ecclesiastical and political enemies, and brought about a great reformation. Our prisons were purified and dungeons given light and fresh air, by one man, John Howard.

The nursing ministry, which was so inadequate and almost disgraceful, was revolutionized by one woman, Florence Nightingale. Andrew brought Simon Peter to Jesus Christ. Peter was one but he preached a sermon on the day of Pentecost and three thousand were added to the Church. Joel Stratton, a waiter in a restaurant, brought John B. Gough to Christ. Gough was just one but in the forty-four years of his life, he turned thousands from drunkenness to sobriety and usefulness.

Ezra Kimbell went into a shoe store one morning and led Dwight L. Moody to Christ. This simple shoe clerk was one, but this Moody became a mighty man of God and one of if not the greatest evangelist since the days of the Apostle Paul. An unknown city missionary led Jerry McAuley to Christ, and this drunken, staggering river thief became a mighty power for God in the city of New York. The pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church said that Jerry McAuley had more power for God and right in that great city than any man who ever lived there. When this one died people came from miles around to see him. They placed flowers so high on his casket until the whole pulpit and platform were covered. Only eternity will reveal the results of this one winning one.

Harry Monroe led Mel Trotter out of

drunkenness and shame to Jesus, and this drunken barber became one of the greatest mission workers the world ever saw.

A man about whom little is known, an almost illiterate speaker at a very small meeting, led the mighty Charles Spurgeon, about whom the world knows much, to Jesus Christ. And while we scan down the line and mention a few individuals with determination, who fell in line for God, we must not fail to mention some of our brethren (here we need the history of the Church), who strove and walked the mountains of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and the Carolinas, and the sands of Florida and other states, who hazarded their lives, worked and lived hard, but with a determination that only God could give. Thank God, they pioneered the way and made it possible for the younger pastors to have a much easier time. Yes, where the old war horses walked and sweated, the preacher of today can ride. Where they were penniless and often hungry, the preacher of today in lots of cases draws a good salary. Thank God, the work was done, the Church set forth, and when the gates of hell swing closed they can exclaim, We prevailed not because these good and faithful servants lived in the will of God. And when I think of such determined individuals as were many of our pioneers ministers whose names I cannot call now, I am made to bow my head in reverence to God and thank Him for such men and the great Church of God. Praise the Lord.

I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do. What I ought to do by the grace of God I can do. Little is much if God is in it. Amen.

Proud of a Place to Call Home

PIEDMONT, Ala.—For a long time we Church of God folk went from door to door worshipping the Lord in rented buildings and different homes or anywhere we could get a place, but praise God, a few saints held on in prayer asking God to give us a place we could call home. We now have a nice 40x50 foot church. Sunday, July 7, we dedicated our new church.

Our state overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, preached the dedicatory sermon. Brother A. L. Burroughs of Alabama City, Ala., preached a wonderful message. Then the saints were called to the altar for prayer, and oh, how the Lord did bless our souls. An offering was then taken for our new church. We ask all to pray that this place will be a soul-saving station.—Mrs. Myrtle Strickland, clerk, 5 Seaboard Ave.

Colored Overseer's Visit Appreciated

KENVIR, Ky.—We thank God for our general overseer of colored work, Bishop N. S. Marcelle, visiting the state of Kentucky. The Lord wonderfully blessed us through his preaching. We can feel the good Spirit of the Lord when we think of his old favorite song, "Sometimes My Burdens Are So Hard to Bear." We love him and wish he would come again.

We thank God for the new work Bishop Ed Johnson organized with Elder McKinley Underwood in charge. Praise God for progress in Kentucky.

The Sunday School union was a success. The state superintendent, Brother Girtus Smith, was greatly enthusiastic over the cooperation of the Sunday School and Y.P.E. We praise God for the progress our union is making. We are hoping to make a good report this year. Pray for

us. We are looking forward to our state convention to be held in September, if the Lord wills. We are hoping a delegation will come with our state overseer, Bishop David LaFleur. — Sister Finley (colored), clerk.

Healed of Eighteen-Year Affliction

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—Just a word of testimony with the hope of helping others who suffer from afflictions. I was crippled for eighteen years with a sore leg. I tried every doctor I could get to and every remedy that I could hear of with no permanent results. Finally I got willing to take the name of Jesus as an ointment poured forth. Praise His name He healed me in less than ten days. Glory to God for the virtue of Jesus. I hope this may be a help to someone who is suffering. —T. G. Venerable, Skyline Station.

More About State Conventions

R. P. JOHNSON, Assistant General Overseer

BETWEEN THE American Potash Mines, the world's largest, on the east, and the Carlsbad Caverns, the world's most wonderful, fascinating and amazing work of nature, on the west, you will find the prosperous little city of Carlsbad, New Mexico. It was here that the Church of God state convention convened. The meeting was held under a tent, on a nice, convenient lot. The interest was good from the opening service until the last "amen." Brother Ramsey and his band have the good will of the churches and workers in that section, and reports show some new churches this year, and some of the older churches being revived, and to our way of looking at this, it is good work. Opportunities in other states are much better, and opposition is no greater in any state, but this faithful band and other consecrated workers throughout the state are endeavoring to take the Scripture at its face value and do good unto all men as they have opportunity, especially to the household of faith. This is proving a blessing and is very much appreciated. We do not have as many ministers and members in New Mexico as in other states, but they are as good and they love the Church of God, its teachings and its program as much as if they had thousands of members and hundreds of churches, and they are proving this by their work.

Speaking of works, it takes real hard, honest labor to make any showing in that section. You cannot leave it for the other party to do, but everyone has his or her hands full with his own obligations and responsibilities. Just to visit them for a few days and enjoy the fellowship of the Spirit, as well as genuine Southwestern, out-on-the-range hospitality, will enrichen your experience and cause you to desire to humble your heart.

OKLAHOMA

From New Mexico we motored to Oklahoma. Oklahoma is not so far west, but it is the very heart of the Southwest, and is enjoying one of its most prosperous years for the Church. New churches and buildings were reported, although all buildings were not new but they have been deeded to the Church of God this year, and that makes them new to us. The state camp meeting and convention was held at Maud, where we arrived Thursday afternoon, July 18. We found the largest crowd there that we ever had for a weekday service and the tabernacle was



filled to overflowing at night, with good altar service. A number prayed through to the Lord. No wonder, for the overflowing power of the Holy Ghost was working in the hearts and lives of the saints. They were overflowing with the love, joy and power of God. Every department of the Church came in for some consideration, but as usual, the mission spirit seemed to be foremost in the minds and plans of leaders as well as laity, the result being an offering almost three times that of other years. This is as it should be, for the main purpose of an organized church is for the preservation and spread of sound doctrine.

When we speak of organization, Oklahoma is making some worth-while progress along this line. Brother Wood reports prospects for several new churches within the next two or three months. We trust and pray that God will give them 200 additions to the Church before the General Assembly.

As most readers know, our convention work has been largely among the smaller states, and it is a pleasure to us to do our bit in these needy fields. It is not only a pleasure, but a blessing, for it keeps our hearts tender and souls breathing a word of prayer that God may send forth laborers to the harvest, for truly the fields are white and laborers are few. Time is limited and souls will soon be ushered into the presence of God, therefore, everyone who has the call of God upon his heart should make preparation to cut loose. Hear the call and then heed the command to go. If God has called you, you need not be afraid of Him for He says that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20. If you can make up your mind to consecrate your heart and allow the gospel principles and teachings to work within your life and make it your daily prayer that you may be each day what you are trying to tell others they should be some day, then God will be under obligation to take care of you, and He will not let you down. The sparrow does not fall without His notice, and even the hairs of your head are numbered. Cut loose and go out for God and His Cause, then when the harvest day will have come you can come rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you. Amen.

Oh, for more people who are loyal to the cross of Christ, who will shrink not from duty, or complain not at suffering if it brings help to souls or glory to God. Such people are in great demand in the kingdom of God, and will always find a place.

Question Box

Question: Please explain Isa. 4:1. "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." Does this have any reference to church membership in any way? —E. P. M.

Answer: The fourth chapter of Isaiah in its entirety is a vision of the future kingdom. It does not have any reference to the Church nor to the Church Age, but rather to the preparation for the kingdom of God and the final setting-up of the kingdom when, as is recorded in the third verse, "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem."

Question: Rom. 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Are there spirits other than the Holy Ghost that are of Christ or of God? —L. R. R.

Answer: There is never a better answer to be found than one found in the Word of God. We call your attention to Eph. 4:4, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." There are differences in administration and differences in manifestation and differences in experiences but all who are children of God are children of God by the Spirit of God and we are either a child of God or a child of the devil. There are only the two spirits which work, one the right, the other the wrong.

Question: Please explain Psa. 104:15.—C. G.

Answer: In order to rightly understand this verse it might be well for us to quote both verses 14 and 15. "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart." This scripture needs no interpretation but it is to be taken just as it reads. The psalmist David is merely reviewing the goodness of God to those that dwell upon the face of the earth in the provision of that which sustains life for both cattle and man.

When we give our all to Christ it is very small. How dare we offer less?

Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

GOD'S UNIVERSAL LOVE

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God for His wonderful goodness towards us in Jamaica.

On Sunday morning June 16, 1940, a gathering, numbering approximately four hundred, marched a distance of almost three miles to the beach, the site selected for immersion.

Having arrived, we honored the High King in tuneful songs and fervent prayers. Thence followed the message delivered by Brother J. Francis who was bountifully inspired by the Holy Power to speak from Acts 8:36; Matt. 3:11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; St. John 3:3-17; Matthew 28:19-21.

The words indeed accomplished their desired end, and not only were they effective, but the hearts of all present were graciously touched, and the divine current of love and blessings thrilled us through and through. Blessed be His holy name!

These pictures depict the baptismal service conducted by Overseer H. A. Hudson. There were nineteen candidates for water baptism. Herein is shown a group prayerfully awaiting their burial with Christ and their walk with Him in



newness of life.

Picture 1 shows the overseer, and some officers leaving the waters for the shore. Their sweet, happy countenances fore-

tell victory up the "shining way." Glory, hallelujah!

Picture 2. On the brink of the waters now stand the overseer, H. A. Hudson, and the local pastor, W. A. Shaw, while in the background a crowd of witnesses, deeply blessed and convicted, stand for the picture to be taken. God is still outpouring His richest showers of "the latter rain." The Christians here are all determined "to fight the good fight of faith." Many sinners are being touched and seek earnestly to contend for that faith which was once delivered to the Bible saints.



We thank the dear Lord upon every remembrance of His holiness. A clearer vision did the eunuch see when the Spirit in Phillip so vividly explained the passage of Esaias. Glory be to His name. He arose for the Light had come! What a blessed assurance! Oh perfect surrender! "See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Glory be to God!—Enos P. Potts, clerk, 8½ Studley Park Road, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Victory Over Sin

Elfreeda Knowles of Deadman's Cay, Long Island, Bah., praises the Lord for victory over sin, and because she belongs to the Church of God. She desires the prayers of the saints that she will stand true.

GOOD NEWS FROM BRAZIL, AN OPEN DOOR

By J. H. INGRAM



Our last article, "Semper Fidelis," June 22, was written on board ship in Rio de Janeiro. As the T. E. S. "Argentina" sailed out through the world-famous land-locked harbor, past the "Sugar Loaf" mountain, and another series of peaks known as the "Five Fingers of God," the sun was just setting behind the hills. This superb scene with its brilliant coloring is the most admired in the world, yet we got to see little of it going out as darkness quickly follows sunset, there being little or no twilight to speak of. We lined the rail waiting to see the lights turned on the giant statue of Christ. With Mt. Corcovado, a 2,300 feet, jagged peak, outlined against a black sky, there was little else left to view. The image of "Christ the Redeemer" is forty-eight meters high (about 160 feet) and it stands on the summit of Corcovado. When the lights were flashed on it appeared as a white-robed figure descending from Heaven and a chorus of "awes" went up from our party, made up mostly of missionaries.

The scene was indeed very inspiring but for me there was a tinge of sadness connected with it, knowing, as I did, that this statue was all the Christ many of them know anything about, and to think, moreover, that the reformation which I represented was born in the revival fires that characterized the closing of the eighteenth century; to be more exact, the first class was formed nearly fifty-four years ago and not even one missionary in Brazil, the fourth largest country in the world, and such a needy field with the door still swung wide. But time flies, your servant can count twenty-one summers that have gone by since taking up

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN



ON JULY 19 Adolf Hitler, Dictator of Germany, addressed his people and the world. His speech was one of the victor gloating over his triumphs. Herr Hitler called upon Britain to make peace now lest she be utterly and totally destroyed. He launched a tirade against Jews, Freemasons and others whom he blames for the present war. The Jews were especially castigated. He spoke of the great undying friendship of Russia and Germany and Italy. In conclusion he thanked "Divine Providence" for the success of the German cause. Well, Mr. Hitler may not understand it but he is surely executing the divine blueprint.

An Associated Press dispatch from Lima, Peru (South America), informs us that Germans living in that American country were directed by the German Ambassador to tune in and listen to the speech of their Fuehrer. Thus, in this hemisphere do we see the Germans hard at work. In this connection it might be well to state that this week the Hon. Martin Dies, head of the Congressional investigating committee bearing his name, stated that there was more "fifth column" activity in this country today than there was in certain foreign countries when they fell. "Boring from Within" is the method employed today. Dies said he has irrefutable evidence that this was true. He also said that every military secret of our own War Department was well known to both the communists and nazis in this country. Of course, the communists and nazis are working hand in glove at the present time. To say the least, strong measures must and will be taken to prevent sabotage and kindred deeds in this country.

On Sunday, July 21, three more European countries, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, formally voted to become states in the Soviet Union. They had no other recourse. The hugeness of the Russian military machine and the ruthlessness of Russia's leaders left no alternative to these

unfortunate countries. Just a few months ago Stalin told these nations that all he wanted from them was room to establish military and naval bases in their territorial jurisdiction. They granted that. With that advantage, having soldiers, aviators, naval vessels on the ground it was an easy, bloodless conquest. Thus do nations and governments fall and thus does the SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST CONTINUE TOWARD UNIVERSAL DOMINATION.

"Columbus, Ohio, July 20.—Ohio liquor sales for the first half of 1940 reached a peak of \$27,840,445, nearly 17 per cent more than the first six months of 1939, the Liquor Department reported today."

"Los Angeles, Calif., July 20.—The movie, 'Gone With the Wind,' earned a gross of \$12,402,463 up to June 9 and paid back 97% of its original cost of \$4,800,000, Assessor John R. Quinn, said today."

"Cincinnati, Ohio, July 20.—33,356 baseball fans dared the shimmering summer heat today to witness the Cincinnati Reds put the kibosh on the New York Giants. This was surpassed only by the opening day crowd of 34,392." I have quoted the foregoing items from three various sources that you might see the definite trend of the peoples of America in these troublous days. With all the uncertainty and chaos and despair prevalent throughout the world, the thousands are more interested in a ball game than they are in their eternal well being. LOVERS OF PLEASURE MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD. I would say, as a rough estimate, that one-half of those in attendance at the ball game are nominal church members, nominal Christians.

I quote from LIBERTY issue for July 27, an article by Pierre Van Paassen entitled "HOW HITLER REGIMENTS SEX": "Womanhood is industrialized in Germany today. The Fuehrer has decreed that maternity is a state function, subject to production regulations like any

part of the planned economy of Third Reich. Sex has been regimented no less than the airplane industry. Love is now mechanized and runs on a twenty-four-hour schedule, with the slogan, GERMAN NEEDS CHILDREN." Until about a year ago the emphasis was placed on marriage, the founding of a family. Today, it is motherhood as such, without regard to marital status, that is being stressed. No longer is the illegitimacy of children held up as a disgrace. On the contrary, it is shrewdly presented as indicating German womanhood's overzealousness in obeying the Fuehrer. The nazi regime is systematically revolutionizing the German tradition of family life. IN THE PROCESS IT IS DESTROYING GERMAN MORALITY." Yes, under the dictator regime sex morals as well as other virtues are given the laugh. The article mentions things more revolting than those which I have quoted. Let this be a warning to God-fearing parents, of all political faiths, to steer clear of any form of dictatorship or perpetuation in power of any group.

The July 27 issue of COLLIERS MAGAZINE carries a very timely article by Walter Davenport, famed writer of international affairs. He predicts that the winner of the present European war will be FAMINE. He says: "Famine followed Hitler through Europe. One by one as nations fell before his man-reaper, conquered people sat down to starve. This winter Germany will eat the wheat of France and the Danube, the cattle of Scandinavia, the pork of the low countries. But at her doors millions of her human prey may die the most horrible death of all. The writer goes into rather intricate detail as he describes crop failures in one country after another. He quotes from the files of Herbert Hoover, head of the relief set-up for those stricken countries. Mr. Hoover's report says: "Almost seven million of these people are on the verge of starvation and one thousand of them are dying daily for want of food."

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Georgia State Convention Convenes Aug. 15-18, Macon

Statistical Report *By Gen. Overseer*

Revivals

GOD'S WONDERFUL BLESSINGS	
OUR MINISTERS' FAITHFUL COOPERATION	
OUR LAITY'S LOYAL EFFORTS	
RESULTS SHOWN BY STATISTICS	

WHILE it is not necessary to give an explanation concerning these headings, yet I should like to have you remember that unless God blesses, all our concerted efforts are in vain. But since God is blessing, it is necessary for our ministers to work with God. Then, too, with God blessing and the ministers working with God, if this were all, the great plan of God would be greatly thwarted, for a very few could have His favors; therefore, all of us can readily see that the laity's loyal efforts are absolutely necessary to make possible the work that God has planned for men to do in the rescue of lost humanity. However, with the ministry and the laity working together with God, most favorable results are sure to follow in the natural consequence.

First I wish to say the month of June, 1940, breaks all previous records on the number of ministers reporting and the number of conversions. This June report shows 2,065 ministers reporting, preaching 17,417 sermons, resulting in 4,300 conversions, 2,276 sanctified, 1,662 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 1,527 added to the Church. Comparing June, 1940, with June, 1939, one year ago, the records show that 365 more ministers reported, preaching 1,231 more sermons, with 1,205 more persons converted and 756 more sanctified, also a gain of 506 filled with the Holy Ghost and a 392 increase in additions to the Church, over the same month last year. Comparing June, 1940, with June, 1938, there is an increase of 665 more ministers reporting, with 4,260 more sermons preached than for the same time just two years ago. For 1937 the records show there were only 2,784 conversions compared with the 4,300 this month, 1,439 compared to the 2,276 who were sanctified this month, and only 1,045 in June, 1937, compared with the 1,662 which received the Holy Ghost this month.

For these nine months of this Assembly

year we have received 17,459 reports from our ministers, which show there have been 140,102 sermons preached, resulting in 26,667 conversions, 14,103 sanctified, 10,489 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 14,491 added to the Church. This is indeed wonderful, dear ones. These reports are only made possible by our working together with God.

Comparing this Assembly year with last Assembly year, for the nine months, we find that 1,713 more reports from our ministers have been sent in this year compared with last year, showing an increase of 4,870 sermons, with an increase of 2,487 members more than we had for the same period last year. But here is one thing for our ministers to remember, that it is constantly taking more sermons and harder efforts to win people to definite experiences with God. For the entire last Assembly year, the law of average forced our ministers to preach six sermons to get one person converted, ten before one is sanctified, thirteen sermons before one is filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen sermons to get one added to the Church. While the ratio has changed a very little, yet we see that it is constantly becoming more difficult.

Remember our Assembly year will soon close. The revival season is on. Lost men everywhere need God, especially in these perilous times do they need to make peace with God and follow His wise counsel. Do pray, everybody pray, that this will be by far the greatest year in all the history of the Church of God, in rescuing thousands and thousands of people for God.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

EXPLANATION

In a previous estimate of church membership additions this year the approximation was based on a previous average, but the severe winter hindered the church services, therefore, the actual count from our records is as shown above in this report.

Amy Reid of Half Way Tree, Jam., B.W.I., reports a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother E. Miller and Sister Cogle. She says they had a good time in the Holy Ghost. Saints danced and leaped for joy each night. They thank the Lord for all that He has been doing for them. There were some added to the church and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. They also had their overseer and district pastor, Elder Shaw, with them some of the time.

Mrs. Carlos Bryant of Switzer, W. Va., reports a nine nights' meeting conducted by Sister Rozella Crittenden of Lynch, Ky., in which there were sixteen saved, eight sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost was manifested in a wonderful way during the revival. She reports a good pastor, Brother J. W. Vance, also a fine Sunday School and Y.P.E. which are growing by leaps and bounds. Sister Cora Rogers is president of the Y.P.E.

Sister Alberta Wiggins just closed a very successful young people's revival at Delbarton, W. Va., in which there were about fifty converts, almost all converts being under eighteen years of age. There was unity and love in the face of the foe. The Lord blessed Sister Wiggins in a wonderful way. Reported by Jane Curry Prichard.

ALMA, Ga.—We had a wonderful revival here. There were sixty saved, close to sixty sanctified, fifty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifty-two baptized in water and fifty-one added to the church. Now our evangelist is in Waycross in another campaign, Brother W. O. Boheler. Surely everybody knows by the way that God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh that we are in the very last days. Jesus can't tarry much longer.

Pray that I will get closer to the Lord, and please pray for my unsaved son. Pray for our church here.—Mrs. Nora Shepherd.

HOLLANDALE, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed with three saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Mary Dearman of Bible School and Sister Lillian Busby did the preaching.—L. A. Harville.

Md. Camp Meeting & Conv'n. Aug. 15-25 at Cambridge

Reports From the Field

Electra, Tex., District Y. P. E. Rally

Iowa Park was host to the Electra district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention, which convened there July 7. The fellowship and blessings of God were felt throughout the day.

Services were called to order by Brother J. J. Terrall, district superintendent, and singing was directed by Clifford Bridges. Special singing, which was greatly enjoyed, was rendered by the Electra Male Quartet, Burkburnett Girls Quartet, Smith Trio and others. An offering was taken for our esteemed state superintendent, Brother J. C. Thompson. Then Brother Thompson delivered a very inspiring message. At noon a delicious lunch was spread. Our district feels fortunate in having both our state superintendent and our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, in our convention. We understand this is the first young people's convention they have both attended and we certainly enjoyed Brother Scoggins' message on "The Church," which was delivered in the afternoon. After this good message we had the report and the program of the Endeavors of the district. We were glad to learn that God is still blessing the young people. After this day of blessing I am sure each person was encouraged to fight the battle for God.—Grace Churchman, Iowa Park, Tex.

NICHOLLS, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful fellowship meeting which we had at Zion Chapel June 30. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were in our midst. The service started off on love and you could feel that love flowing from heart to heart. Thank God.

The speakers were Brother H. H. Mathis, Brother C. L. Radford, Brother J. J. Floyd, Brother J. C. White, Brother Walter Beasley, Brother Leon Gillis, Sister Green, District Overseer James W. Moore. Such wonderful messages as they gave were enjoyed. Praise God I feel that same love and spirit this morning down in my soul; money could not buy what my eyes saw and my heart felt throughout the day; it is just like heaven to me. How good and pleasant it is for God's children to meet together in meetings like this for we become encouraged and have more love.

We praise God for sending Brother Brown of Zion Chapel for he stands for the truth and right and encourages us to press toward the mark of the high calling. Oh glory! Saints, keep on praying for us here. Also pray for my loved ones to get salvation.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe.

We are praising the Lord for the way He has been blessing in Silverton. Our state overseer, Bro. J. B. Camp, conducted a successful two-weeks meeting in May, when several received definite experiences with the Lord. Others were blessed and edified by the rich messages from God's Word. At the close of the revival, the Churches of God of the Portland district assembled in the Silverton City Park for the district and Y. P. E. convention. God wonderfully met with us there.

The second day of the convention the Silverton Church of God was set in order with a membership of fourteen. This work was just started last February so we are praising the Lord for the way He has blessed and set His approval upon it by enabling a church to be set in order. In this inspiring service our hearts were moved and stirred as these new members stood to solemnly pledge themselves to uphold and practice the teachings of the Church.

The convention came to a glorious climax with a good evening service including feet washing and communion.

We desire to see new works established in many more cities of this state. Pray for the Church of God in Oregon.—In the service of the Master, Tillie Axtell, Silverton, Ore.

First District Convention in Maine

The first district convention of the Church of God in Maine was indeed a success. It convened at Appleton July 4-8, preceding the Bible School opening. The churches on this district are Belfast, Augusta, and Bangor.

The attendance was so large July 4 and 8 that it looked like a state convention. The greatest thing of all, the Lord was present. The morning service was a "free for all" testimony service conducted by Brother Geo. M. Bloomingdale, state overseer. The convention surely started off with a good service, such a sweet melting spirit prevailed.

Messages were delivered during the convention by Brothers Bloomingdale, state overseer, Ruark, Stanley Pinkham, Murry, also by visiting ministers, Brother L. T. Waters, evangelist of Tennessee, and Brother Ralph Koshewitz, of Maryland. We were indeed glad to have them with us. These were accompanied by their good wives and the Burnett sisters who rendered some good vocal numbers.

During one revival in Portland over twenty came in the church. It was wonderful the way the Lord dealt with people on this line. Brother L. W. Sisk preached some wonderful messages which

seemed mostly for the saints. Sister Emma Newman also conducted a revival here which was more evangelistic and souls were blessed. We were permitted to be in part of these revivals, having our headquarters here. Sister Newman has also been conducting other revivals in which God has blessed. Brother Tull, pastor at Worcester, Mass., is doing a good work. He just recently held a short revival at Belfast, Me. We are expecting more reports of revivals during the summer months and expecting more workers up this way, who are badly needed. It seemed good when Brothers Ruark and Murry and family returned to Maine.

We have prospects for some new churches in the future. Pray that God will undertake.

The Maine Music and Bible School opened July 8 with around twenty-five enrolled. Massachusetts is represented, also Atlanta, Ga., Idaho, Maine and possibly other students coming later. Brother L. W. Sisk, superintendent, and wife will be the instructors, also Clifford Emmitt, formerly of New Hampshire, will give instrumental music and singing. The writer will give piano lessons.

We are looking forward to the New England States convention Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at Appleton, just after Bible School closing exercises. Make plans to be with us and enjoy a feast from the Lord, also see the beautiful scenery in Maine, the vacation land. Pray for us.—Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale, 227 Federal St., Portland, Me.

A Word from the Music Department

SINGING FOR JESUS has gained the reputation as the best song book yet, at least that's what many take time to say. (We thank you for your comments, suggestions, in fact we want to work together in putting things over for God.) Try a few numbers from this book with your quartets, bands, trios and choirs. Look at these pages and see for yourself: 112, 102, 18, 30, 44, 110, 70 and plenty of new ones like them, only different. The good old hymns used in the latter part of the book are useful in all services of church work. Naturally you expect us to speak in terms of the best so get a copy on this special offer of 25 cents postpaid. The regular price is 35 cents. Be sure to mention if you saw this in the Church of God Evangel or the Lighted Pathway and be eligible.

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anyone who cannot attend the Bible Training School at Sevierville, to take advantage of this wonderful Correspondence Course. Remember the words of Paul to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." One can study better when he has a systematic method by which to go. This is your opportunity. Address Mrs. Archie Swiger, Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tennessee.

MUSIC AND THE CHURCH OF GOD BIBLE SCHOOL

FOR several years the Bible School did not have a regular music instructor but in the year 1930 Rev. J. H. Walker, who is now our General Overseer, who had taught in the school for three years under T. S. Payne, became the superintendent of the school. Under his management the school had a very remarkable growth. Being very much interested in music, Brother Walker secured the services of Professor Otis L. McCoy, a graduate of Vaughan Conservatory of Music, of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and later Music Editor of the Church of God, to head the music department of the school. In this department theory, sight

singing, voice, and instrumental music were taught. The term that year was opened with a music normal and many of the young people of Cleveland and nearby cities attended, together with a large number of the regular students who attended that year. This was, in reality, the beginning of the great improvement that has been so marked in the singing of the different local churches, for since the time that a regular vocal instructor has been employed in the Bible School, young men equipped with a knowledge of sight singing and training in voice, have gone forth to the different states and taken a great part in the advancement of the singing in their fields of labor.

The first quartet organized in the Church of God Bible School was one known as the Number One Quartet. They traveled extensively in the early days of their activities, and were well recognized as great singers. Later there was organized a quartet known as Number Two. This quartet was called Number Two

only because it was organized after the Number One Quartet. Each of these young men played instruments, which added greatly to the interest they created. Their travels were very extensive, far exceeding those of the Number One Quartet, taking them into most every state in the Union. Their services were in demand and they stayed intact until Cupid brought about a division, however they are still active in singing in their various localities.

The Burnett Sisters, a trio of Texas, have had wide recognition wherever the Church of God has been preached in this nation. They are also a product of the Church of God Bible School.

This past year a Bible School trio has been working in the state of West Virginia and has been doing a notable work.

There are many quartets and trios, as well as individuals, that have made good, who have acquired their knowledge of music and their ability as singers at the

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CHURCH OF GOD BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL TRIO, 1939-40



Louise Burgess, Louisiana; Willie Ree Murphree, Alabama; Ruth Waters, Florida.

The Church of God Bible Training School opens October 7, 1940, at Sevierville, Tenn. For information and catalog, address Church of God B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn.

❁ Notes of Praise ❁

Dear beloved in the Lord, I'm praising God with my whole heart for the great Church of God. 'Twas a happy day when the Church of God came along my way. Praise God for the joy of sins forgiven. Day by day as I go along I find the way sweeter. I'm feeling good to report that I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Today I'm rejoicing, just feeling happy to go all the way. Please remember me in your prayers.—Celeste Hudson, Sher. Con., Trelawny.

JUSTICE, W. Va.—I thank God for salvation. I am glad He is mine and I am His. He has been mine for fourteen years and I love Him more every day and He is shedding more light in my soul every day. For fourteen years I was just saved and sanctified but this January I received the Holy Ghost. I thank God for the good people at Stone Branch and Chapmansville, and especially Brother and Sister Vickers. They prayed so hard for me to see. Since I have received the Holy Ghost the light is so bright. I know the power of God is unto salvation.

For twelve years I have preached repent and be baptized and you will receive the Holy Ghost, but left sanctification out of the arrangement for I thought it was the Holy Ghost, but I know better now. Praise the Lord. I was not a member of any church, but I know the Church of God preaches the whole Bible and I am going to join them soon if they will receive me. I love the Church of God. Jesus is coming soon. I am looking for Him for the trees are shedding their untimely leaves. Jesus said when you see these the time draweth nigh. As David said in Ps. 95:6, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of his hand." "Today if you will hear his voice harden not your hearts, as in the provocation and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness, when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works." We should forever seek to please God and fear Him. I do fear Him.

Pray for me that I will hold fast to His hand and be stronger in Him.—Mrs. Vivian Moreland.

SPARTA, Tenn.—I praise God because He is so sweet to me. About two months ago I was a backslider but a God-sent preacher, Brother Otis Smith, came to Black Oak for a revival. Brother Smith preached and something was talking to my heart when he made the altar call. Satan said don't go, but I thank God my

heart was burdened and I fell down and began to ask God to bring me back. He heard and answered prayer and brought me back in the grand old highway. Thank God. Old Satan has been trying to down me but I thank God because I can trust Him.—Odell Rice, Rt. 7.

FORT McPHERSON, Ga. — I praise the Lord for what He means to me, for saving a sinner like I was, sanctifying my soul and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost. It has been some time since I have testified and witnessed for the Lord but I am certainly glad I can report victory in my soul for Jesus. The good old-fashioned Holy Ghost power in my soul that I can feel and know about is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

This spring made me fourteen years old in my Pentecostal experience. This way grows sweeter every day of our lives. Of course we have many trials and temptations to confront us but Jesus is near when we call upon Him. He is present in the time of need; He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Then if God be for us who can be against us?

While I am here in the hospital I decided this would be a good time for me to write some to help pass the time away for the glory of God, telling what the Lord has done for me, saving my soul, al-

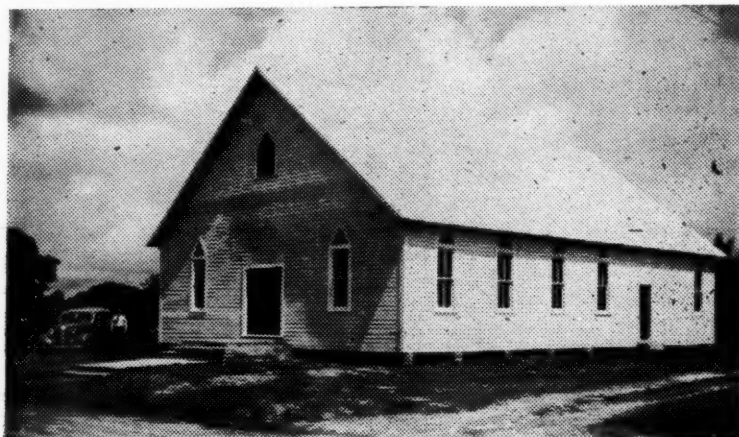
though I will not be able to testify to divine healing to the honor and glory of God as I would like to. Of course I know it is in the Bible and I certainly do enjoy hearing people tell about how the Lord has healed them. I have had an operation here in the hospital and I thank God because I am getting along fine. I will soon be able to go back to the camp. I feel like the Lord has wonderfully blessed me while I have been here. Praise the Lord.

May God bless you is my prayer. Please remember me in your prayers.—A World War Veteran, Boyd G. Berrong, Hayesville, N. C.

FERRELLSBURG, W. Va. — I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. About twenty years ago the Lord began knocking at my heart. Some Church of God folks came to our place preaching holiness. Oh, how my heart longed for salvation but I put off the Lord from time to time, didn't think I could live the life for God. But there came a time when the Lord reached down and took a much beloved boy out of our home and planted him over in the great beyond to await the great resurrection. I tell you, I called on God. Then He came on the scene and saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I have lived for God since, suffered, prayed, and sacrificed, but I feel that through my prayers Ferrellsburg is made a better place to live.

We have a nice little Church of God here now with a good building to worship in, but a sad regret in my heart is that I didn't give my life to the Lord

NEW CHURCH RECENTLY BUILT AT FITZGERALD, GEORGIA



The Church of God on East Altamaha Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia, was built by Rev. Solomon Scaff, who came to Fitzgerald in March of this year. The fine new building seen above is the result of his faithful labor and that of his assistants. With the help of freewill offerings and faith in God, the building is almost paid for and will be completed in a few days.

Sunday, July 14, Sunday School went above all records. It surely was a glad day. Sunday night two came into the Church and twenty-two were in the altar. Remember us when you pray.—Yours for God and His Church, FITZGERALD CHURCH OF GOD.

sooner. Pray for me.—Sister Junie Carver.

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LUCEDALE, Miss.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. Although I don't have the Holy Ghost, I can praise Him for His kindness and mercy He has shown to me and my family. I am a girl of sixteen and have been seeking for the Holy Ghost a long time and never want to give up until He comes into my life.

I praise God for good Christian parents who have taught us children to fear God. My older brother and two older sisters once had the victory but have backslidden. Please pray that God will save them before it is too late.

We live about twenty-seven miles from the nearest Church of God and we are the only Church of God people living in this community, so you see it is very tempting for a young seeker. I believe that there could be a good revival held here because not many of the people know what holiness is and some of our neighbors want a revival held here.

I have had many trials and temptations, especially in school, because there are hardly any young people going to school who don't go to shows and give parties in their homes for young folks. I live about three hundred and thirty yards from the schoolhouse and almost every Sunday there is a baseball game played out there and enough young folks go to form a good little church if they would go to church. They don't know what holiness is. I have a cousin who has been seeking the Holy Ghost about as long as I. She and I have been wanting and praying to go to Bible School for about two years and we haven't got to go yet. I am never going to give up praying until I get to go, if it is the Lord's will that I go. I want to go this winter.

Please pray for me that I may have more faith in God and that my cousin and I might go to Bible School. I feel there is a work for us, especially me, to do. Also pray for my backslidden brother, his wife and my sisters and their husbands as they are not living for God.—Miss Mary Frances King, Box 104-C.

— — — An Opening

HILLSBORO, Ga.—Dear saints, I read the Evangel every week and get lots of soul food from it. I also read the Lighted Pathway and enjoy it so much. I have not had the privilege of joining the Church of God but I know my name is on the Lamb's Book of Life.

At times it makes my heart ache when I think that there are so many good preachers in some places and none in others. The people in this town are in sin and need the Word of God preached to them as well as others. Dear preachers, won't you divide up and some come to this town? I believe your reward would be great. The people in this town have

never heard the Holy Ghost preached. My heart is so hungry to see souls saved in this place. Pray for me and pray especially for a revival in this town.—Mrs. J. E. Williamson, Rt. 2.

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Mrs. Delia Williams, of Mooresville, N. C., testifies to the great healing power of God. She was a nervous wreck. Six doctors couldn't find the cause. She requested prayer through the Evangel and the Lord healed her body with the exception of her eye. She requests prayer for the healing of her eye.

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Frances Grice, of Selma, N. C., thanks the Lord for healing her little girl who was seriously ill. She also praises Him for healing her broken arms a year ago and she can still use them as well as ever. She appreciates salvation and the Church of God and is not tired of the way. She enjoys the Evangel very much, also the Lighted Pathway.

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I praise the Lord for the good Bible School at Kannapolis, N. C. It surely is a blessing to this state to have this school. I thank the Lord for men like Brothers E. W. Williams, U. D. Tidwell and V. C. Ramey, who are over the school. They labor so hard to help us students learn fast. There is a goodly number of ministers attending the school and we think it is the very place for us. We feel like after the school we will be better prepared for the battle. Pray for us that we may go from school with a greater zeal and determina-

tion to be a blessing to others, and encourage others to come to school next year.—E. H. Phillips, Pineola, N. C.

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Mrs. Alfred Rose, of Mohegan, W. Va., praises the Lord for healing her two-year-old boy who got burnt with hot starch a week ago. She thanks every child of God who offered a prayer for her baby. She thanks the Lord for saving power and desires the prayers of all that she and her husband will be faithful.

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ARKADELPHIA, Ala.—I praise God for His love and what it means to me, for it means much to have a Savior you can trust. I know what He will do if you will trust Him. Praise the Lord. I want to love Him more and want to be faithful until He comes back; I want to be ready to go. Praise the Lord for I feel good right now.—Rufus Pugh.

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HAZLEHURST, Ga. — I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing my family and me. I am glad I have salvation and belong to the Church of God. I praise Him for His great healing power.

One evening a black widow spider bit me and soon I was in severe pain. I got worse and my husband asked me if I wanted a doctor and I told him I didn't. The same God that saved my soul was able to heal my body. My husband and children prayed for me and the Lord would touch my body but then I would get worse again. They knew something had to be done. My son came and wanted

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY



This work is less than three years old and this church was set in order with eight members. This place is where we were told that we couldn't build a Church of God and if we did that we couldn't use it. We were in court several times, but we felt God was for us and who could be against us. Most all of the good people who told us we could build seem to be proud we are here. Our property at least is worth seventeen hundred dollars and we owe less than one hundred. The pastor and wife on the picture are near the center.—J. T. Holman, pastor, Rt. 5, Covington, Ky.

to get the doctor. I told them if they wanted to do anything to go get our pastor, Brother J. B. Weeks, and his wife and Brother and Sister Thompson to come pray for me. I knew it was not my time to go, that through prayer of faith the Lord would heal me. About three o'clock in the morning He wonderfully touched my body and healed me. Praise His name. I know He is the same God today that He was when He healed the lepers and opened the eyes of the blind. Pray that I will stand true and ready to do His will at all times. Pray for my husband and four daughters who received the blessing last September when Brother Brock ran a meeting here. The Lord blessed in every service. We have so much to praise God for. When Brother W. O. Boheler ran a meeting at Baxley, Ga., our baby six years old had some kind of spells and acted like she was scared to death. You could hardly hold her in your arms. Brother Boheler and other saints prayed and she was healed. Praise the Lord. I am so glad of this true way of holiness. I feel good in my soul and enjoy reading the Evangel. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. E. L. Harrell, Rt. 1.

Still Trusting the Lord

CAMBRIDGE, Jam., B. W. I. — I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I thank Him for His matchless Son Jesus. Thank God. He is more than a match for the enemy. Oh, that I could praise Him enough for all His goodness to me. I am feeling so happy since Jesus abides in my soul. Yes, I can say with the writer, "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart." I thank God for the inexpressible joy that fills my soul. The devil with all his skill can't destroy it. I have started out for heaven and by the strength of Jehovah God I am determined to make the goal. Praise God for the sweet words of consolation that are found in the written Word of God.

Sometimes when I think of myself as one promised to live and also to reign with Christ, I can't help but shout for joy. My desire is to hold up Jesus to the lost and dying world. Today we can see that sin is doing its deadly work, but if we will only hold Him up and work with all our might, we shall help many souls to say, "Once I was dead in sin, and hope within me died, but now I'm dead to sin with Christ the crucified."

We are at present with our faithful pastor, Bishop C. A. McIntosh, laboring in a new field. Please pray that God may bless us with souls. I have said already and I am still saying that I mean to trust the Lord. Dear saints, this is not a mouth talk. The reason I can say it is because I have proved Him when everything else had failed. I remember when I was unsaved and was making preparation for

college, the Lord spoke to my soul. I wouldn't give up but told Him if He would allow me to go to college and be successful I would serve Him. This was not the will of God concerning me. My mind was perplexed; there was no peace within and later on there started in my soul a deep mourning. Still I would not fully give up. Later on I started to put new wine in old bottles by fasting in my sin and praying for the Holy Ghost, but all that could not help me, I found myself still a sinner. At last I made a personal decision. I said, "Lord, if 'college going' will prevent me from serving thee, disappoint it." At this time I was preparing for the college exam. The early part of August found me busily engaged in my studies, but it never continued to be so. There was still a mourning in my soul. Sometimes I took up the books to study but instead of studying there arose a crying; my eyes were blind with tears. At last, in September, I decided fully to give up the thought of college and in October I was sweetly saved and sanctified, then in November I was gloriously filled. Oh, praise God, that the One who has answered that prayer has promised to answer all effectual fervent prayers. I am still of the opinion that if He answers a sinner's prayer He will also answer those of the saints, therefore I am asking all praying saints (not some) who read this to pray a special prayer for me that God will undertake.—Yours "glory bound," M. A. Green.

Mrs. Eugenia Moneymaker of Byington, Tenn., praises the Lord for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and for His divine healing power. She says the Lord is blessing their little church at Providence.

Francis Lett of Boyle, Miss., praises the Lord for His many blessings to her and her family. She said her daughter was having something like fits, one after another; they were trusting the Lord with her body and it looked like every breath would be the last one. The Lord came on the scene and healed her after she promised she would testify to His healing power, and she preached Sunday night, June 21. She says they are having prayer meetings every Friday night and Sister Juanita Lett does the preaching. God is blessing. These meetings started in April and there have been five filled with the Holy Ghost and three saved. She requests prayer that a way may be provided for her daughter to go and carry the gospel.

I want to praise the Lord for healing me when I was suffering from abscesses in both tonsils and an infection in my gums. I know the Lord does heal.—Gwendolyn Cox, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Jorene Maney of Canton, N. C., testifies that she is saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. At the age of twelve she gave her heart to God. She has a desire to see every young person accept Christ as a personal friend and Savior. She also thanks God for their good pastor, Brother and Sister Hathcock, who have been a blessing to the church. Sister Hathcock is a good worker with the young folks and they appreciate her very much.

Sister Snyder of Reading, Pa., praises the Lord for victory in her soul and for God's wonderful healing power. When she was very ill with pneumonia and the doctors had given her up to die then Brother Henry C. Stoppe, her pastor, and the saints held her up in special prayer and God worked a real miracle in her life.

MONETA, Va.—I praise God for being saved and in the highway of holiness. I was saved when I was fourteen years old and lived a Christian life for three years, but I went back to the world and lived a sinner's life four years, which I now regret. I left my home here since. I attended a Methodist revival and it was there I renewed my experience with the Lord. There are no Church of God people around here except me. There is a family, but they are members of another church. There is also another family that believes in holiness but they are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. There have been some here who didn't possess what they professed and the people don't believe there is anything to this good way, but I can say that these are the best neighbors around here of any place I have ever been. I believe if some good person who really lived a good life would come here there could be a good work done. I desire the prayer of every Christian that I will stay close to Jesus and be what He would have me be.—Annie Frazier.

Mrs. A. W. Shepard of Cobbtown, Ga., testifies to the wonderful healing power of God. He has just healed her six-week-old baby of a bad case of thrush. She also praises Him for the healing of her body.

Mrs. Walter Baughan of Talking Rock, Ga., praises the Lord for His goodness and mercy. He healed her mother of the flu when it looked like she couldn't live. She says He has healed in her home many times and of many different diseases. She gives God the honor and praise, for they did not resort to remedies.

Thelma Bloodworth of Albany, Ga., praises the Lord for His love and mercy, also for His healing power. Not long ago the Lord healed her almost instantly. She requests special prayer for her baby.

Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

Unspoken request; my lost loved ones to be saved; me to stand true.—Doris Mason, Scaly, N. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my loved ones to be saved; several unspoken requests; our church here.—Miss Oma Chriscoe, Asheboro, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Harry Yutzy, Rt. 4, Union, Pa., who is sick, nothing seems to help her; Mrs. Charles Roupe; Mrs. Florence Barks who is in the hospital very sick; unspoken requests. — Mrs. B. L., New York, N. Y.

A young man; a friend of his to see the light and walk in it; special unspoken request.—One of His children, Lansing, Mich.

Us that we will be able to attend B. T. S. this fall, D. V., and that He will work out the difficulties for His glory.—A sister in Christ, Salinas, Calif.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; Sister Sallie Smith to be healed; our revival here. — Eugenia Bunch, Williamsburg, Ky.

Very special request; the healing of my brother who was operated on three years ago for appendicitis and was brought out of the hospital insane. He has continually grown worse until he is now hopelessly insane, and unless God undertakes his time is short on earth. Please don't pass this by. If anyone would care to write his heartbroken parents a word of sympathy, it would surely be appreciated as they are both old and this is their baby boy. Their address is Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warix, 630 N. 3rd St., Union City, Tenn. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Euroline Williams, 630 N. 3rd St., Union City, Tenn.

Unspoken request; me.—J. W. Leslie, Leckie, W. Va.

My son to be healed; his wife to make complete surrender and get right with God; me to stay humble.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 2, Box 66-E, Plant City, Fla.

The healing of my back. Fast, if led. Our new work here; me to get closer to God.—Mrs. L. B. Johnson, Box 932, Huntsville, Ala.

The healing of my body, D. V.—Miss Maude Oliver, 274 Estoria St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of my head and entire body; the healing of Mrs. Morgan's son-in-law and his salvation; the healing of Mrs. Sam Smith; the salvation of the family.—Mrs. Florida A. Smith, 228 N. Hillsboro, Arcadia, Fla.

Me to be delivered; my sister to get salvation. Fast for us, if led. Me to stand

true. — Beatrice Ballard, Rt. 2, West Point, Tenn.

The healing of my body; the healing of my daughter and that she will get closer to God; our church and revival here.—Laura Morris, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.

The healing of my mother who was badly burned; my sister and her baby to be healed of stomach trouble; unspoken request; the little church here; me to stand true; I don't get to go to church often as I live so far; the healing of a little boy; my mother, father and sisters to be saved.—Mrs. Ira Byrd, Rt. 1, Alma, Ga.

The healing of my father-in-law, J. D. Bowling, who is in a serious condition.—Mrs. C. W. Bowling, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

My father to get full salvation; my stepmother's salvation; the healing of my aunt of asthma and the salvation of her soul; my brothers to give up drinking and smoking and get salvation; me to be true.—Miss Zola Pearl Hand, 352 3rd Ave., N. W., Cairo, Ga.

The healing of Mrs. Judd Briggs, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C., who has T. B. and is seriously ill; her little son who is critically ill with T. B. and meningitis; little Lionel Wall who is showing symptoms of the same disease. Please fast for this little motherless boy, and that his father who is so grieved may be healed and strengthened.—A neighbor, Lexington, N. C.

The healing of my son who is in the hospital in a serious condition. He runs a very high temperature and the doctors don't know what is wrong, also pray for his soul.—Mrs. Geralline Darville, 50 W. 16th St., Hialeah, Fla.

The healing of my brother of cancer of the stomach.—Harlan Engle, Hardburly, Ky.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Paul Bryon, Box 645, Newark, Ohio.

My mother's health to be completely restored; the complete healing of my brother's body; me to get closer to the Lord and stand true; special unspoken request; me to be healed of a goitre; a friend to be healed of a goitre; my eyes to be strengthened; the Lord to send someone here to run a revival, there is no Church of God here. — Miss Ollia Mae Holland, Rt. 3, Box 279, West Point, Miss.

Sister Lizzie Mae Peace who has heart trouble; me to grow stronger in the Lord.—Mrs. Ellen Rackley, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

My husband and little nephew to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Leola Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

My husband to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mary Ormsby, Rt. 1, Box 11, Warrenton, N. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost. I am nearly eighty-one years of age and know I haven't much longer to stay here, and oh, I do want the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Selma F. Steidel, 1401 Avenue E., Lubbock, Tex.

Special unspoken request. — Bessie James, 2785 Glen Terrace, Cleveland, Ohio.

Two sisters to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, a brother to be healed of heart trouble.—Mary Nan Doss, Monclo, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of nervousness; my unsaved children to be saved; my husband. — Mrs. Antoinette Whitehead, Corbin, Ky.

Me to be healed, I am in a very nervous condition and have lots of trouble with my head and back; my son's and daughter's heads to be healed; my family, that the Lord will help us in our every need.—Mrs. Fay Mitchell, Princeton, Ky.

Special prayer for my husband to be healed, his soul to be satisfied; our children to be saved.—Mrs. Clinton Laws, Bryson City, N. C.

The Lord to undertake for us, D. V.; me to receive the Holy Ghost. — Dallas King, 200 Whitin Ave., Ninety Six, S. C.

B. T. S. ECHOES

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Church of God Bible School.

The musical order at the Church of God Bible School now is very efficient. Professor Owel Denson has a great reputation as a director and as an organizer of classes, and for this reason is especially fitted for training young men and women to go out and teach others, especially to organize choirs and classes in each of the local churches. Those who are acquainted with the Bible School and singing in the Church of God as a whole, realize that this school is greatly responsible for the wonderful progress that has been made in the singing in the Church of God everywhere the name is known. If you are interested in your boy or girl being well equipped with a musical education, you will find no better place to send him or her than to the Church of God School at Sevierville, Tennessee.

Good News From Brazil

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work in the vineyard of the Lord, and with so little done and so much to do, with time so short, oh! so short! The Apostle Paul spoke about "redeeming the time" for, said he, "the days are evil."

Brazil is a country where there is absolute freedom of worship. You may go on the street corner or any place else and preach the gospel without fear of being molested. There are many turning from

Roman Catholicism in search of more truth. Don't you think we ought to stir ourselves and make a move forward?

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Santos was our next port of call where we disembarked, with a view to making a missionary survey of the country. There we found a Pentecostal church with about eight hundred members, where they received us with open arms. They have a fine brick-stucco church that seats about 1,200 and I had about 1,000 to preach to the first night, speaking in Spanish. A brother tried to interpret in Portuguese but the two languages are so much alike his service was not really needed. Having studied Portuguese also, communication has been fairly easy, gradually eliminating the Castilian (Spanish). These people have a fine brass band, and my! can they play and sing too. I wrote Brother Walker, the General Overseer, that although I was "way down under" on the globe, I felt like I was on top of the world, walking in air. Time and space will not permit going into detail about how God has led. Suffice to say, He is going on before and I can almost hear about 80,000 of you dear ones joining in with a mighty chorus, "Where He leads me I will follow." Some can give, others may go, and all can pray, and prayer is the greatest asset to any Christian mission.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

Santos is an important seaport, and has a population of about 150,000. From there we went up to the capital of the state, Sao Paulo, a city of about 1,000,000 inhabitants, situated on a rolling plateau about 3,000 feet above the sea. From there we went on into the hill country some distance. Missionaries from the various nominal churches have answered the call and have done a great work, paving the way for the preaching of the full gospel. Later on Pentecostal missionaries from Sweden opened up the work here and now I understand there are hundreds of churches established with thousands of members enrolled. The movement is known as The Assemblies of God in Brazil. There are a great many other Pentecostal missionaries here, including some from the Assemblies of God in the U. S. A., yet there is a great need for more missionaries, with thousands seeking consolation in spiritualism and kindred doctrines.

Brazil has a land area larger than the U. S. A.; to be exact, 3,290,564 (?) square miles of territory. It is a land of extremes. Wealth and poverty go hand in hand. Also there is a strange mixture of modern and ancient things to be noted everywhere. The United States dollar is worth about 22 milreis, which is greatly to our advantage. We have a missionary couple here who are offering their services and the use of a printing press they own, so we may publish the gospel in Por-

tuguese. We have about 44,000,000 Portuguese speaking people here in Brazil. Spanish is spoken in all the other countries of South America except the Guianas, and with further reference to the Spanish work, we have wanted to open a printing plant to publish our literature in Castilian. Yesterday's mail from U. S. A. brought a letter from a brother in a larger Western city, offering his services along with the use of his printing establishment. Praise God for the doors of opportunity opening to us.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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AN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS HELPING THEM DIE." The writer has no pleasure in reading these things that are horrible, less pleasure in printing them. They are done that you might see more clearly the fulfillment of the words of Jesus Himself, "FAMINES—PESTILENCES."

QUALITY IN CHRIST

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Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews and a great man of the Pharisees and the other young man could have been a loyal president of the Y. P. E., but there was a price to pay. Thank God for His Son Jesus, who had a real quality that was enshrouded about Him and the devil could not touch Him with pomp and splendor, money nor anything that his world had to offer.

I have noticed on many occasions a sinner down in the gutter of sin, a drunkard perhaps, stooped in vice and iniquity, who would come to some little, humble Church of God altar and be converted, and in just a short time he would take better care of his personal appearance, his face would take on a better look than it had before. This means that the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the quality that was in Him as a man has been shed abroad in the heart of another human being, and that there is nothing cheap about Him and His wonderful love.

There was a certain individual who one time had an experience with God and there was a good sound quality to his experience, but now he has gone from the Church, Satan has stolen his joy and in its place put a cheapness. The things that he does do not have the same power, the clothes are becoming cheap looking, he doesn't have that Christlike look in his eyes any more, his voice has lost that commanding quality, all because God has gone out of his life. How sad it is when we have lost the quality of a Christlike experience.

Ministers, do you know of any one in your church like that? If so, it is your duty and responsibility to restore his confidence in God. In St. John 6 we see where Christ was declaring His divinity.

Even His disciples turned back and would not follow Him any more for in the 53rd verse He declares, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." I imagine they thought He was a fanatic and said one to another, "Is this not he the carpenter's son?" but there were a few who recognized the quality that was in His manner of speech, and followed after Him.

Then He goes on to tell us that it is the spirit that profiteth and not the flesh, but we are to partake of His body that knew no sin and the cleansing blood that sanctifies us from all unrighteousness.

Let us for a moment look back and consider the circumstances surrounding the heritage of the man who is the Son of God. In St. Luke 2:7 we see for the first time just a glimpse of the humbleness of the wonderful one, "... wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

Oftentimes we hear someone say that he did not have a good beginning in life, "so what is the use of striving for a closer walk with God?" but we never heard Jesus complain about His "lot" in life. As we look over His childhood days, we see the sneers of the neighborhood children and hear the many hard things they would say about His birthright. The Jews believed Him to be an illegitimate child and claimed He was born out of wedlock as most of the Jewish race claim today, and as Paul the Apostle when he came down to Corinth found those who did not know whether there be any Holy Ghost, so were the Jews then and now. They did not understand about His glorious birth through the power of the Holy Ghost, and in these persecutions just as He did on that fateful day when He stood before Pilate, He uttered not a word. Oh glory to God! the quality of that was His throughout His lifetime! How long could we have held out against the same adverse conditions?

Brother and sister, do we have the quality of a born-again experience? Can we honestly declare to the world that we are seeking the Father's will, and not the popularity of this world? Are we getting our share of the bread of life? Let us strive to regain that quality in our churches that was in Christ, and to partake of that manna that came from Heaven in more abundance, that we might have right to the tree of life.

Men do not avail themselves of the riches of God's grace. They love to nurse their cares, and seem as uneasy without some fret as an old friar would be without his girdle. They are commanded to cast their cares upon the Lord, but even when they attempt it, they do not fail to catch them up again, and think it meritorious to walk burdened.—Beecher.